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Department: Education

Person Testifying: Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: SB 0215 RELATING TO EDUCATION.

Purpose of Bill: Repeals the Education Research and Development Revolving Fund and transfers the unencumbered balances to the general fund as recommended by the Auditor in Auditor's Report No. 16-11.

Department's Position:

The Department of Education (Department) supports SB 215.

This fund was originally established in 2001 in anticipation of the potential commercial exploitation of a special education student information system developed by the Department. The commercial exploitation did not occur as hoped.

As found by the State Auditor, this fund is not financially self-sustaining. There has been \$0 revenues deposited into this fund from the commercial exploitation of products and services developed by the Department over the last five years.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.